

General Surgery

Location: Kaweah Delta Medical Center, Visalia CA **Revised 03/07/25**

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PREREQUISITE: Kaweah Delta Clearance

DURATION: 4 weeks

DATES OFFERED: July - June

ROTATION START DATES:

Block#	Start Date	End Date
1		
2	07/14/25	08/08/25
3	08/11/25	09/05/25
4	09/08/25	10/03/25
5	10/06/25	10/31/25
6	11/03/25	11/28/25
7	12/12/25	12/26/25
8	12/29/25	01/23/26
9	01/26/26	02/20/26
10	02/23/26	03/20/26
11	03/23/26	04/17/26
12	04/20/26	05/15/26
13	05/18/26	06/12/26

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Students will gain an appreciation of the specific role of surgeons in the spectrum of medical care. Students should demonstrate an understanding of procedures for surgical admission and the elements of establishing surgical diagnoses. Preoperative evaluation and preparation for an operation will be considered. There should be demonstration of the understanding of immediate postoperative care of the surgical procedure as evidenced by the relevant information described in the brief preoperative note. There should be demonstrable evidence of understanding of immediate postoperative care of the surgical patient, maintenance of the postoperative management of the patient. There should also be an understanding of the activity that should be undertaken on a daily basis in the care of the surgical patient and an understanding of the elements of progress in the postoperative patient including an appreciation of the complications.

SUPERVISION:

Attending Physicians and Resident Physicians

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: Maximum of 1-2 students

VISITING STUDENTS: Yes

DESCRIPTION:

Throughout the course of the surgical rotation, the students will function as an integral member of a resident/attending team and will spend a significant period of time in the operating room that will be used as a teaching environment. It is expected that the students will participate actively in the care and follow up of their patients and provide appropriate documentation. Students will be taught suturing, knot-tying, insertion peripheral intravenous catheters, central lines, naso/gastric tube and airway management. All students will also have the opportunity to participate in the Kaweah Delta Street Medicine program.

EVALUATION:

All end of rotation evaluations will be sent to Medical Student Coordinator. The coordinator will distribute for completion and will send completed form to school.

*Selective Attendance and Illness Policy

In order to insure adequate clinical exposure, no more than 3 days of excused absences, including interview days can be accepted during your rotation. While excused, these days must be made up. This policy does not imply that absences are guaranteed; absences may be excused at the discretion of the faculty. Absence due to illness must be reported to the Coordinator as well as the faculty or his/her designee as soon as possible. In case of extended absence (2 days or more), a note from a physician (who is not a relative) is required and the absence will be reported to the Office of Student Affairs. A physician note may be requested for any absence, at the discretion of the faculty. **Any planned absence must be registered with the coordinator prior to the first day of the rotation.** Further attendance requirements may be covered during the first day orientation.